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SUBJECT: SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON NON-USE OF FORCE:
SEPTEMBER 12 MEETING OF WORKING GROUP

1. THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE NON-USE OF FORCE MET IN ITS SECOND SESSION AS A WORKING GROUP ON SEPTEMBER 12 AND REMAINED STALEMATED WITH NO SIGNS OF ANY EMERGING CONSENSUS. WESTERN REPS (U.S., U.K., AND FRANCE) CONTINUED TO DOUBT THE WISDOM OF CONCLUDING A WORLD TREATY ON THE NON-USE OF FORCE ALONG THE LINES OF THE SOVIET DRAFT, TO EMPHASIZE THE BREADTH OF THE COMMITTEE'S (AND THE WORKING GROUP'S) MANDATE, TO SUGGEST ANALYSES OF CONCRETE HISTORICAL EXAMPLES OF THE USE OF FORCE AS WELL AS THE PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES, AND TO SUGGEST THAT FOCUSING ON DISPUTE SETTLEMENT AND PEACEKEEPING MACHINERY MIGHT BE A MORE FRUITFUL BASIS FOR THE COMMITTEE'S WORK.

2. THE SOVIET UNION (WITH LOYAL SUPPORT FROM BULGARIA, POLAND, BENIN, MONGOLIA, AND CUBA) CONTINUED TO INSIST THAT THE SOVIET DRAFT TREATY IS THE LEGITIMATE BASIS FOR THE COMMITTEE'S WORK. SUCH NON-ALIGNED
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STATES AS TOGO, CYPRUS, AND IRAQ--WHILE NOT EXPRESSING ANY ENTHUSIASM FOR THE SOVIET DRAFT TREATY--ARGUED THAT IF CERTAIN STATES DO NOT APPROVE OF THE SOVIET DRAFT OR OF THE CONCEPT OF A WORLD TREATY, IT IS INCUMBENT UPON THOSE STATES TO SUBMIT CONCRETE PROPOSALS IN DOCUMENT FORM SO THAT THE COMMITTEE MIGHT HAVE SOMETHING TO CONSIDER OTHER THAN

THE SOVIET DRAFT.

3. BY THE END OF THE MEETING THE IMPOSSIBILITY OF ANY PROGRESS WAS SO APPARENT THAT THE IRAQI DELEGATE SUGGESTED THAT THE SEPTEMBER 13 FINAL SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP BE CANCELLED TO ENABLE THE SECRETARIAT TO WORK ON ITS REPORT THAT DAY AND PERMIT THE COMMITTEE TO HOLD ITS FINAL MEETING TO CONSIDER THE REPORT ON SEPTEMBER 14, A DAY EARLY. IN ORDER TO SAVE FACE THE SOVIET REP STRONGLY OPPOSED THE IRAQI SUGGESTION, AND THE CHAIRMAN AGREED TO ADHERE TO THE ORIGINAL SCHEDULE: ONE MORE WORKING SESSION ON SEPTEMBER 13, PREPARATION OF THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT BY THE SECRETARIAT ON SEPTEMBER 14, AND A FINAL COMMITTEE MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 15 TO CONSIDER ITS REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

4. KOLESNIK GAVE MISOFF A COPY OF A DRAFT RESOLUTION THAT NOTES THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PROBLEM AND DECIDES TO RECOMMEND TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THE CONTINUATION OF THE COMMITTEE. MISOFF TOLD KOLESNIK WE HAD VOTED AGAINST THE CREATION OF THE COMMITTEE AND NOTHING THAT HAD TRANSPIRED TO DATE WOULD CAUSE US TO VOTE FOR THE RENEWAL OF ITS MANDATE. MISOFF SUGGESTED COMMITTEE NEED NOT NOTE THAT NO PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE THUS PREJUDICING THE RENEWAL BUT
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COULD INSTEAD BE SILENT. MISOFF SUGGESTED KOLESNIK CONSIDER WHETHER IN LIGHT OF LATEST SOVIET TREATY PROPOSAL CONCERNING NON USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS MOSCOW MIGHT NOT WANT TO QUIETLY DROP NUF EXERCISE. KOLESNIK ASSURED MISOFF THAT WAS NOT THE CASE BUT AGREED TO CONSIDER POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES TO RESOLUTION REQUESTING GA TO CONTINUE THE COMMITTEE.

5. WE WOULD PLAN VOTE AGAINST ANY RESOLUTION OR LANGUAGE IN REPORT WHICH RECOMMENDS CONTINUATION OF COMMITTEE. LANGUAGE IN REPORT TO EFFECT THAT SOME FAVORED RENEWING THE COMMITTEE'S MANDATE AND OTHERS DID NOT IS FURTHEST WE WOULD PLAN TO GO TO PRESERVE RELATIVE HARMONY. DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS REQUESTED. YOUNG

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